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H.B. No. 2394

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on the feasibility of requiring title for all trailers, semitrailers, and travel trailers not considered manufactured housing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 501.007 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.007. STUDY ON FEASIBILITY OF TITLE BEING OBTAINED FOR ALL TRAILERS, SEMITRAILERS, AND TRAVEL TRAILERS THAT ARE NOT MANUFACTURED HOUSING. (a) The department shall conduct a study of the feasibility of requiring title for each trailer, semitrailer, or travel trailer that is not manufactured housing.

(b) In conducting the study required under this section, the department must, in relation to all trailers, semitrailers, and travel trailers covered by the study:

(1) determine the cost and feasibility of assigning vehicle identification numbers;

(2) develop options for obtaining title;

(3) evaluate the processes of inspection, verification, and assignment of vehicle identification numbers;

(4) develop recommendations for requiring the permanent affixation of vehicle identification numbers;

(5) determine the approximate fiscal impact from theft and evaluate options to decrease this theft; and

1           (6) evaluate the level of access individuals in rural  
2 areas have to obtain title.

3           (c) In conducting the study, the department must use input  
4 from local governmental entities that provide title services for  
5 trailers, semitrailers, or travel trailers, automotive theft  
6 experts, statewide associations representing agricultural  
7 entities, and statewide associations of counties. The department  
8 may use input from any other organization, as necessary.

9           (d) On request of the department, the comptroller shall  
10 assist the department in conducting the study.

11           (e) The department shall prepare a report that contains its  
12 study findings and makes recommendations regarding possible  
13 legislative solutions to any problems found in the processes for  
14 obtaining title for trailers, semitrailers, or travel trailers  
15 covered by the study. Not later than September 1, 2014, the  
16 department shall submit the report to the lieutenant governor, the  
17 speaker of the house of representatives, and the presiding officer  
18 of each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction  
19 over motor vehicles.

20           (f) This section expires August 31, 2015.

21           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.